



City of St. Charles
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Proclamation

Youth Outlook 20th Anniversary

- WHEREAS,** The rate of homelessness and suicide is disproportionately high in the United States amongst LGBTQ+ youth, many of whom are vulnerable because of feelings of isolation and fear; and
- WHEREAS,** Naperville-based **Youth Outlook** is the first social services agency in Illinois dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ youth in six counties of Northern Illinois, including Kane and DuPage counties; and
- WHEREAS,** the organization is run by a Board of Directors and staffed by a handful of dedicated professionals, as well as nearly 100 trained volunteers and college interns to deliver vital programs; and
- WHEREAS,** **Youth Outlook** has served thousands of young people from the Chicagoland area, including School District 303 students, at several drop-in centers, including the Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, 102 S. 2nd St., Geneva, by providing a safe environment for LGBTQ+ youth to be themselves in the company of their peers; and
- WHEREAS,** **Youth Outlook** works closely with various community groups, businesses, mental health professionals and Gay-Straight Alliance clubs at area schools; and
- WHEREAS,** **Youth Outlook** has been recognized by the Human Rights Campaign for Excellence in Service to young people; and
- WHEREAS,** **Youth Outlook** celebrates its 20th year of helping at-risk youth in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois by signing this official proclamation do hereby congratulate **Youth Outlook** on its 20th anniversary and its positive impact upon our community.




Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor